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1. Nationalist government leaders are very pessimistic about the outlook for Shanghai and have no plans to defend the city with the exception of Lunghua Airport, from which officials expect to escape.
2. No military supplies are entering Shanghai. From Taiwan, 20,000 troops arrived to guard the Shanghai-Nanking Railroad. Wholesale defections are expected at Hsuehou.
3. For lack of rice, Shanghai may be overrun with riots.
4. The Communists are expected to enter Shanghai in two or three weeks.
5. TU Yuch-sheng has left Shanghai for Hong Kong, indicating that peace negotiations have failed. The government expects to return to Shanghai in four or five years.

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